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Title : SYSTEMS, METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR  
MANUFACTURING DOSAGE FORMS  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Response is in response to an Office Action, dated September 23, 2003 setting a shortened statutory period for response to expire on October 23, 2003. This Response is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response.

No fee, petition or certification is required.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Response to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/MCP0294/DRC.

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Remarks

Claims 1-137 are pending and subject to a restriction requirement as between:

Group I - claims 1-22 and 137, drawn to a method of making dosage forms:

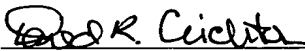
Group II - claims 68-120, drawn to an apparatus;

Group III - claims 24-67 and 137, drawn to a method of coating; and

Group IV - claims 121-136, drawn to a dosage form.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-22 and 137, drawn to a method of making dosage forms. The Examiner requested an election of species should Group III be elected. As that is not the case, Applicants submit that the instant application is now in condition for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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